

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) ~~East Lexington~~

Address 462 Waltham Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Barn

Date of Construction 19th c.?

Source ---

Style/Form Astylistic

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1920 - converted to
residential use; date? - loss of entrance porch

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 16,698 SF

Setting mixed 20th century residential neighborhood
along busy road

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

BUILDING FORM (462 Waltham Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Originally constructed as a barn, 462 Waltham Street is a 2 1/2-story building oriented with its gable to the street and set above a brick foundation. The building is now sheathed in wood shingles and displays a 3 x 2-bay massing which is no doubt quite different from the original configuration. Centered on the gablefront is a six-panel door flanked by partial sidelights and capped by a semi-elliptical fan. (Sanborn maps indicate that at one time a single-story entrance porch fronted the door.) The windows contain 6/6 sash with exterior storm windows, plain surrounds and shutters. Lighting the attic is a smaller 6/6 window without shutters. A brick chimney emerges from the north roof slope and the eaves project slightly and are without returns.

The house is set a short distance from the road and there is a paved driveway to the north of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The early history of this former barn is not known with certainty. The 1906 Atlas shows a cluster of buildings near this location owned by F.P. Kendall, a milk dealer. After Kendall's death in 1912, the land was sold and subdivided. It seems likely that this building (like the former barn at 259 Marrett Road, MHC #1087, also owned by Kendall) was converted to residential use at this time.

(see 410 Marrett Rd., MHC #642)

The building was included in the "Farmhurst" subdivision laid out in 1918 and owned at the time by Neil McIntosh of Milton (Section 3, Lot 84). The former barn was probably converted to residential use at that time. In 1921 the property was owned by Clymer Long and included a house valued at \$2800 and an outbuilding valued at \$100 in addition to the 16,698 square foot lot. By 1928 the property had been purchased by Fred and Martha Ensign. He was employed as a watchman.

Later owners included Ronald and Vera Meadows (c.1950). It was purchased by Arthur and Charlotte Maxner in 1955 and sold to Chantal D'Arleville in 1986.

This was known as 452 Waltham Street until the mid 1930s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
Sanborn maps, 1927 and 1935.
1906 Atlas.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*